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SUBJ: 31ST UNGA: POSSIBLE SOVIET DISARMAMENT INITIATIVE

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1. BRYNE HARLAND, FORMER NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADOR TO PEKING, NOW HEAD OF AFRICAN, MIDEASTERN AND COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS, TOLD THE EMBASSY ON AUGUST 20 THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO WELLINGTON SELYANINOV HAD CALLED ON SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FRANK CORNER AND HARLAND HIMSELF ON JULY 9 TO RAISE THE NON-USE OF FORCE MATTER. CORNER THOUGHT THAT SELYANINOV MAY HAVE BEEN CALLING ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE WHILE HARLAND WAS CONVINCED THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR WAS
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CALLING ON INSTRUCTIONS. WHAT SELYANINOV SPECIFICALLY

SOUGHT WAS AN INFORMAL INDICATION OF NEW ZEALAND'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS "THIS WELL-KNOWN PROPOSAL". SELYANINOV USED THE OCCASION TO MAKE A NUMBER OF SNIDE COMMENTS ABOUT NEW ZEALAND'S UNCONCERN OVER THE NON-USE OF FORCE. HARLAND SAID THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE MADE NO FURTHER APPROACH TO NEW ZEALAND ON THE SUBJECT.

2. SUBSEQUENT RESEARCH BY MFA'S UN DIVISION HAS LED THEM TO CONCLUDE THAT SELYANINOV'S CRYPTIC REFERENCE TO "THIS WELL-KNOWN PROPOSAL" ACTUALLY REFERS TO A 1972 SOVIET UNGA RESOLUTION OF NON-USE OF FORCE. MFA CONSIDERS THE 1972 RESOLUTION AS AIMED AT THE PRC AND IS GUESSING THAT SELYANINOV'S APPROACH, IF IT WAS ON INSTRUCTION, MAY SIGNAL SOVIET'S INTENTION TO RESURRECT A SIMILAR RESOLUTION AT 31ST UNGA.SELDEN

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